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NEEDED: COLLEGE EXEMPTION

A bill has been introduced in Congress which would provide an increased personal exemption for the head of a household who is sending a child or children to college. The exemption would be increased by several hundred dollars for each child in college and is designed to alleviate the strain of providing higher education for one's children.

We support this proposed bill because it is in the best interest of higher education, because it is theorically sound, and because such an exemption is justified from various standpoints.

Although it will be charged that once personal exemptions are allowed for those sending children to college, it will open the floodgates to all sorts of personal exemptions, we do not agree with this argument. Higher education in the United States is not free, and, in fact, it is becoming increasingly expensive and a growing burden on parents.

In many states, provision is made for allowances to those bearing the cost of higher education for their children, but Federal tax regulations make no adequate provision on this score.

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1956 GRADUATES

To all those students graduating from either high school or college, the Times-Virginian extends its congratulations and best wishes for a successful future life.

To these young people, we say, without qualification, that the United States is still the land of opportunity. It is true that taxes are higher than they were a few decades ago, but it is also true that jobs are more plentiful, and earning power much greater.

Those leaving high school and college and entering the business world and therefore completing their educations are reminded that the United States today is the world's greatest power. Their fathers and mothers entered upon their business experiences under different circumstances, for the United States has only become the greatest power of the world since the end of World War II.

This means that opportunities are unlimited for the American with a will to succeed, and with a willingness to work hard. His quest may take him to foreign countries, and to remote areas of the world, but the United States, what it stands for, and its monetary unit, are known all over the world.

We hopefully feel that the student who leaves his studies behind in 1956 is entering a world which will enjoy peace for some years to come. We realize that the Communist menace is perhaps the greatest we have ever faced, but there is also reason to justify the hope that perhaps the struggle in the foreseeable future will be an economic one, and that those entering the world of business today will be allowed to make their start, marry and raise families, in a world which is at least not in a total war.

This, then, is a time of opportunity, in an atomic age, and the world still has many unexplored possibilities, and nature many undiscovered secrets, for the younger generation to look into. With business generally good, and jobs available for those who want to work, the 1956 graduating class has much to be thankful for.

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DRIVING COSTS TO GO UP

The superhighway construction bill, which has already passed the House of Representatives, and perhaps the Senate ere this appears, will mean another penny tax on a gallon of gasoline. Highway construction envisioned under the new program, which is almost certain to be finally approved, will cost some $50,000,000,000.

This $50,000,000,000 program will require some thirteen years for completion, and to help pay the Federal Government's share of this amount, the Federal tax on gasoline is to be increased a penny a gallon. It is thought that the state tax, which usually is higher than the Federal tax, will also be increased — since the states will be sharing part of the cost of this huge thirteen-year construction program.

The Federal tax on gasoline is now two cents a gallon. The new rate will make it three cents a gallon. The state tax varies from state to state, but it usually is somewhere between four and seven cents, more often five or six cents.

If state gasoline taxes are raised proportionately as much as the Federal tax, which is going up by fifty per cent, then the added cost of a gallon of gasoline will amount to three or four cents. Since gasoline is already higher than it has ever been before in this country, one can see a gallon of "high test" gasoline coming close to forty cents in many areas.

This trend brings us to the question of where increasing costs of operation will stop, in the automotive world. The average number of extras, required upkeep, and more and more powerful engines and heavier cars, all add to increased operating costs.

At some point along the line, further cost increases will begin to affect the automotive market appreciably and when that time comes, a revolutionary new engine, lighter automotibles, or radical changes of some form are sure to appear.

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DEATH AND NARCOTICS

The Senate Judiciary Committee has unanimously approved a bill which provides for the death penalty — in some cases — for violating the narcotics laws.

The bill, authored by Senator Price Daniel, Texas Democrat, provides for a possible death sentence for the third offense in the smuggling of heroin, and allows juries to recommend the death sentence for the sale of heroin to youth under eighteen years of age.

In addition, the bill stiffens penalties for other violations, and sets the minimum penalty for dope sales to minors at ten years. The bill would require that all doctors maintaining a supply of heroin sell their drug to the United States and that it hereafter be banned from the country.

Heroin cannot accomplish anything which certain other drugs, which are not as adaptable to abuse, can do equally well.

The Daniel bill is long overdue. The American people are in favor of stiffer penalties for convicted dope peddlers, and especially those who sell dope to youngsters, or who repeat their offenses. In many cases, the death sentence would be desirable from the standpoint of protecting society in general.

Not only do we hope for speedy passage of the bill, but we hope to see its use by the judges in a stern fashion in the near future.

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Nature is grand, until the weeds begin to grow.

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Every man's business is "big" to him and his family.

Richwood

Richwood, May 28.. "Things that cause us the most worry and trouble never happen." -Quoted.

Regular divine services have been resumed at Central Baptist Church at 11 A. M. on the first Sunday, and 8 P. M. on the third Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. John Moore is spending a few days with relatives in Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

L. Hooper, U. S. Army, and family, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Byers, have returned to Ft. Sill, Okla.

G. P. Brannan and daughters were in Lynchburg on business one day last week.

County Line

County Line, May 29.. Some tobacco has been planted in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan and family, of N. C., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan. They visited Mr. Tom Ford in Lynchburg Sunday afternoon, and reported that Mr. Ford is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pillow visited in the Jordan home on Sunday night.

Mrs. Everette Ferguson was on the sick list last week.

It is understood that the Rev. Donald will preach his last sermon at Central Baptist Church Sunday morning, June 3. Rev. Darden will preach his first sermon on the field of churches at Central third Sunday night in June.

Visitors in the home of Mr. Perlie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore, Mr. Dallas Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Gaulding, Mr. Clyde Jackson and Mr. Billie Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ramsey, near Old Well.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones recently were Mrs. Jesse Marshall, Mrs. Neal Harvey, Mrs. Mike Johnson and Mrs. Sarah McFadden.

Mr. Dan Irby is not so well at this writing.

Mrs. Dan Irby and girls called in the home of her brother, Mr. Milbert Elder, near Rolling Hill Saturday.

Mrs. W. M. Mann was in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. Walter Arrington is on the sick list.

Visitors in the home of Vernie Jones recently were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris, Carolyn Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones, and Mrs. Clifford Pillow.

Mrs. Walter Grishaw and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Mullin Sunday.

Mrs. John Crawley spent a few days in Richmond last week.

Tax Expert Fails To File

Camlen, N. J.- The Government has accused Attorney Joseph Wilson, a former deputy collector of the Internal Revenue Service, with not filing returns on his own income in 1953 and 1954.

Maybe we should have known all about those flying saucers by this time if they had been able to find any place to park. —Arkansas Gazette.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 28.- Miss Isabella Coleman spent Sunday with Miss Frances Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaulebois and daughter spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Schindler and Mr. Ernest Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus, Jr. and daughter, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of his parents Sunday.

Ed Moon, of Lynchburg spent several days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Walton and son and daughter plan to attend graduating exercises at Madison College Sunday, June 3. Their daughter, Miss Shirley Walton is a senior there.

Spout Spring teachers and pupils will spend Tuesday in Lynchburg, sight-seeing and picnicking.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Harvey spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

A man without learning grows old like an ox; his flesh grows, but not his wisdom. -The Dhammapada.

Even learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. -II Timothy 3:7.

What is most needed for learning is an humble mind. -Confucius.

The love of learning and the love of money rarely meet. -George Herbert.

Learning makes the wise wiser and the fool more foolish. -John Ray.

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Washington Notes

DROUGHT

Albert W. Cook, chief meteorologist, stationed at Denver, Colorado, has predicted that the current drought cycle gripping the Great Plains area will not end until about 1966. Cook predicted the future will bring gradually increasing amounts of precipitation. He said the drought cycle reached its low ebb in 1954.

"TIGHT MONEY"

The "tight money" policy of the Federal Reserve Board is coming in for some real criticism from the nation's industrialists. Some forecast a possible slight business downturn in the July-September quarter, saying rising interest rates might discourage companies from borrowing heavily for the record plant and equipment expansion now scheduled.

ACCIDENTS

Industry is greatly concerned about the cost of injuries at work, which, in 1954, amounted to 230,000,000 man-days lost. Of this amount, only 40,000,000 was attributed to the injured. The other 190,000,000 man-days were lost by workers who stopped to help the injured or discuss the accident; lost efficiency due to seeing a serious accident; and inability to work because of damaged equipment or structures.

AUTO PRODUCTION

Harlow H. Curtice, General Motors president, whose predictions in former years have usually been borne out, has recently lowered his sights on 1956 auto production. In January, he predicted the industry would turn out 6,500,000 cars this year, compared with the 6,500,000 produced last year. He has parcel his prediction eleven per cent to 5,750,000. If this proves correct, production this year will be 32 per cent less than last year.

U. S. PLANTS

The results of a 17-page survey, conducted by at least 12 agencies under Budget Bureau direction, reveals that there are 771 business-type activities operated by the Government, with assets totaling $11,893,000,000. Government operates most of these facilities, but some are operated by private contractors. The services produced by these facilities for the Government include not only armaments and other such things as ladles, ammunition, shoe repair, farming, mining and logging.

SUGAR QUOTA UP

Acting to curb what is called "speculative forces" in the sugar market, the Agriculture Department has made available additional 100,000 tons of sugar for domestic consumption. The action was taken by boosting the 1956 quotas for domestic beet sugar to 8,450,000 short tons, raw value.

HIDING BOY HURT

Louisville, Ky.- While playing with his two brothers, Michael Zoeller, 7, hid behind the tall grass in a field near his home. A neighbor, W. L. Jones, not knowing the child was in the grass, passed over him with a tractor, completely severing the boy's hands.

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Talk by Mrs. Toby Inge at Rocks Church

(Editor's Note: The following message was brought at last Wednesday's Prayer Meeting at Rocks Church by Mrs. Toby Inge. We are indebted to Mr. L. E. Dickerson, Jr., Pamplin, for securing this for us. He urges friends of these services).

CHOOSING THE BEST

By Mrs. Toby Inge

So often as Christians we ask the question is it wrong to do so and so? Rather than is it the "best" we could do at that particular time or opportunity. The satisfaction most Christians in being able to do those things that are instead of those things that which makes us just nominal Christians — not "best" Christians, we would have us be. God expects of us than just shunning evil things,—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God," Jesus says. We have the privilege of making the best choice. For example, spend a Sunday afternoon, we spend it at home, we study our Sunday School lesson, our Training Union lesson for the night, and read another while things. At the end of the day we feel spiritually uplifted just from attending church morning and evening, but our activities in the afternoon and another Sunday afternoon we might go for a beautiful drive through God's nature. We would wish to get to church for the evening service maybe, when we leave. We would probably end up by going with a tired and rushed feeling, rather than a feeling of spiritual benefit. We wouldn't say there was anything wrong with the way we spent the second Sunday afternoon, but we could say it was not the best choice, nor do we say that we should spend our Sunday afternoons in reading and Bible study. There are other "best" things we might do. There are the sick, the aged, the bereaved, church work and a host of others. Each of us as individuals must make choice to do or not to do. We should weight our activities and see if we are making the "best" choices in the things we do, and in the places we go, and in the things we do, but in the things we think, we think.

Hearts Have Hearts Clean

In Samuel 16:7, God says the Lord seeth not as man seeth for man looketh on outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Are we filling our hearts and minds with thoughts that we don't mind the Lord seeing God would have our hearts clean and pure. Someone has said, "We can't help the blackbirds flying over our heads but we can keep them from nesting in our hair." We can push out those thoughts, plays, and desires that are just "good" and substitute those that are "best," and without question those that God would have us put there.

Sometimes we know we do the easiest thing, which is not the best thing. Paul says, "For the good that I would do I do not, but the evil which I would not, that I do." The flesh and the spirit are constantly at war, even within the Christian. Our choices should be made in the light of what is God's will, and what is the most Christian thing to do. Put first things first. If we make things—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" the ideal can I go, and still be acceptable to God, but how "best" can I exemplify Christ or what would Jesus have me do now?

Are we completely surrendered to God's will, and are our choices that we are capable of? We remember the choice Soloman made when given the opportunity to have whatever he asked. He didn't ask for riches, but made a best choice of wisdom to rule the people. As long as he followed God we find that he prospered, and God gave him not only what he asked but these other things as well.

To Be Witnesses

If we as God's people, and professing Christians are not showing forth Christ by our lives, how are we going to be His witness? In Philippians 2:15, we are told to "shine as lights." We have to be more than just a convenient Christian to do that—one who does the "best" things if it is no sacrifice—willing to be used of God if it doesn't conflict with something "self" wants to do.

Do we ever stay home with friends, have that family get-together on prayer meeting night? Or, do we put some recreational activity in place of attendance at a service of the church, or in place of some Christian service that we are asked to do? Not that these things are wrong, except that they are the "good" choices that we can make instead of the "best" choice that we could make at that particular time.

There are other times when we could do those things when there would be no conflict, with the "best" choices we could make. I think if we all would examine our lives we would find that every day in lots of ways, some big and some small, we choose just the "good" and say "there is nothing wrong" with this for a Christian" - no, nothing except that you have chosen that at a time when you could have made a "best" choice. John Watson gives us these thoughts: "Christ did not come to cramp anyone's manhood, he came to fulfill. A thoroughgoing Christian is a man with a stronger reason, kinder heart, firmer will, and richer imagination than his fellows— one who has attained to his height in Christ. A bigot or a prig or a weakling is a half-developed Christian, one not yet arrived at full age."

What To Read

"What ought a Christian to read? Everything that feeds the intellect. Where ought a Christian to go? Everywhere where the moral atmosphere is pure and bracing. What ought he to do? Everything that makes character. Religion is not negative, a giving up of this and that; but positive, a getting and a possessing. If a man will be content with nothing but the 'best' thought, 'best' work, 'best' friends, 'best' environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The best drives out the worst."

The Rewards

There are rewards for making the right choices. Not all of them are reaped here and now, but some are. We experience a deepened spiritual life by making the "best" choices.

We have a greater and more Christlike influence on others. Think of the best Christian you know—is he or she one who only attends the church when there is nothing else to do, who is ready with a helping hand whenever it is convenient—no, he or she is a person that exerts a Christian influence because it is easily seen that they are Christian. They are always making the "best" choices in life. Those everyday choices that show forth Christ in their lives. They are those that are always used on, and can always be depended on to do their part in any Christian undertaking. They are not content with just doing those things that are "not wrong."

We also experience a peace and satisfaction in the consciousness that we are putting God first. We know that someday our deeds will be judged and we are told in 1 Cor. 3:13-14, that every man's work will be manifest, and will be tried and if any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon—he shall receive a reward." Will our lives show a high plane of Christian living or will it be just over the border from the sinner's way of life?

Do we love Christ enough to let Him have our "best?" He loved us that much.

"The things I've done along the way,
Were they not good, I tried to say,
But deep inside I found no rest—
His voice said, "Tis not your best.'"

HEALTH & BEAUTY

A plump, well-fed baby is always an object of admiration. As the child grows, he lengthens out and loses his "baby fat." During his early school years his great amount of activity uses up all his food in supplying the necessary energy.. But the time comes, as he approaches adolescence, when he slows down a bit. Some increase in weight at the onset of adolescence is normal.

This is the time when the girl's mother often begins to be upset, especially when she finds that her daughter's figure no longer follows the sizes in the stores. The girl is too old for little girl dresses and too young for the misses styles.

Any one who has concerned himself with girls of this age and condition knows that the explanation is usually just normal craving for food, plus the fun of eating those between-meal snacks.

All phases of child-rearing demand patience, but the over-weight situation requires the most of all. Normal growth and the dawning of self-consciousness of the adolescent are both on the side of the ambitious parents.

The physiological side should not be overlooked. It is true that some children and adults seek the solace of eating and drinking when in a troubled state of mind. Perhaps the glandular system is at fault. Only a doctor can tell about this.

It is very hard to make a child see that it is wrong to over-eat because it makes him fat and not make him over-conscious of how he looks. However, it can be done by stressing the health angle. Go to any lengths to help your child develop good eating habits when he is young. Chances are good that he will keep them all his life.

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

A happy home life can do more toward making your husband a success than any other single thing. In fact, some doctors tell us that it is absolutely necessary for most men to have the backing of a happy home to be a success in business and that it is necessary for all to be adjusted to each other's needs in order to succeed as an individual.

Most corporations nowadays refuse to hire a man for an important position until they have interviewed his wife to find whether she is likely to be a help or a hindrance. Many a wife has pulled her husband through difficulties by her tactful loyalty. Some other wives have broken up partnerships or run their husbands into bankruptcy.

There are a number of things you can do to help your husband succeed apart from the obvious things, such as looking out for his diet, exercise, rest, grooming and the like.

Here are a few points that it would pay a wife to watch:

1. Make some sacrifices of your own interests or inclinations when he has homework.
2. Be willing to live on a lower salary if justified by greater prospects for the future.
3. Don't try to keep up with the Joneses.
4. Do your bit in handling the family income.
5. Help him to get the right kind of recreation in the right amount. Keep away from extravagance and especially from alcoholic beverages.
6. Praise his accomplishments, and show interest in his work.
7. Avoid conflict in the home at any time, especially in the morning.
8. Show him lots of affection and trust.

CHECK TOO BIG

Sante Fe, N. W.- The check Joseph Scanlon received from the Air Force was just too good to be true. Instead of the usual $25 allotment check, he received one for $20,000,025. Scanlon returned it.

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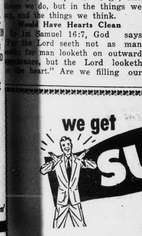
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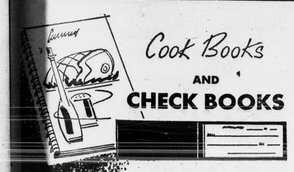
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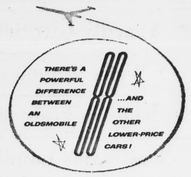

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